

**Assembly Joint Resolution**

**No. 64**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Chu**

February 18, 2004

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 64—Relative to bias-motivated crimes.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 64, as introduced, Chu. Bias-motivated crimes.

This measure would state that the Legislature is, among other things, concerned by the number of bias-motivated crimes against Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, Sikh-Americans, and other Americans in recent months and would call upon local, state, and federal law enforcement authorities to work to prevent bias-motivated crimes and to investigate and prosecute vigorously all crimes committed against all Americans, including Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and Sikh-Americans.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, All Americans are united in supporting American  
2 men and women who protect our nation abroad and at home; and  
3 WHEREAS, Thousands of Arab-Americans,  
4 Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and  
5 Sikh-Americans serve in the military and in law enforcement,  
6 working to protect all Americans; and  
7 WHEREAS, The Arab-American, Muslim-American, South  
8 Asian-American, and Sikh-American communities are vibrant,

1 peaceful, and law-abiding, and have greatly contributed to  
2 American society; and

3 WHEREAS, All Americans, including Arab-Americans,  
4 Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and  
5 Sikh-Americans, condemn acts of violence and prejudice; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California,*  
8 *jointly,* That the Legislature is concerned by the number of  
9 bias-motivated crimes against Arab-Americans,  
10 Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, Sikh-Americans,  
11 and other Americans in recent months; and be it further

12 *Resolved,* That the civil rights and civil liberties of all  
13 Americans, including Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans,  
14 South Asian-Americans, and Sikh-Americans should be  
15 protected; and be it further

16 *Resolved,* That the Legislature condemns bigotry and acts of  
17 violence against any American, including Arab-Americans,  
18 Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and  
19 Sikh-Americans; and be it further

20 *Resolved,* That the Legislature calls upon local, state, and  
21 federal law enforcement authorities to work to prevent  
22 bias-motivated crimes against all Americans, including  
23 Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans,  
24 and Sikh-Americans; and be it further

25 *Resolved,* That the Legislature calls upon local, state, and  
26 federal law enforcement authorities to investigate and prosecute  
27 vigorously all crimes committed against Arab-Americans,  
28 Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and  
29 Sikh-Americans; and be it further

30 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
31 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United  
32 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the  
33 Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and  
34 Representative from California in the Congress of the United  
35 States.

